

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senator-Elect Scott Brown, of Massachusetts, was administered the oath of Office by the Vice President.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S451–S505

Measures Introduced: Twenty four bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2982–3005, S.J. Res. 27, and S. Res. 407–410.

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Measures Reported:

S. 850, to amend the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act and the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to improve the conservation of sharks, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 111–124)

S. 952, to develop and promote a comprehensive plan for a national strategy to address harmful algal blooms and hypoxia through baseline research, forecasting and monitoring, and mitigation and control while helping communities detect, control, and mitigate coastal and Great Lakes harmful algal blooms and hypoxia events, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 111–125)

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Becker Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Craig Becker, of Illinois, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Monday, February 8, 2010.

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Greenaway and Becker Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 2 p.m., on Monday, February 8, 2010, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Joseph A. Greenaway, Jr., of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, and resume consideration of the nomination of Craig Becker, of Illinois, to be a Member of the

National Labor Relations Board; with the time until 5 p.m., equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees; and that the debate time run concurrently with respect to Joseph. A. Greenaway, Jr., of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, and the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Craig Becker, of Illinois, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board; that at 5 p.m., Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination of Joseph A. Greenaway, Jr., of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit; that upon disposition of the nomination of Joseph. A. Greenaway, Jr., of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Craig Becker, of Illinois, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 60 yeas 37 nays (Vote No. EX. 18), M. Patricia Smith, of New York, to be Solicitor for the Department of Labor.

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By unanimous vote of 96 yeas (Vote No. EX. 20), Martha N. Johnson, of Maryland, to be Administrator of General Services.

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 82 yeas to 16 nays (Vote No. 19), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Daryl J. Boness, of Maine, to be a Member of the Marine Mammal Commission for a term expiring May 13, 2013.

Larry Robinson, of Hawaii, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere.

Elizabeth Erny Foote, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana.

Mark A. Goldsmith, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

Marc T. Treadwell, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Georgia.

Josephine Staton Tucker, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

David B. Fein, of Connecticut, to be United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut for the term of four years.

Timothy Q. Purdon, of North Dakota, to be United States Attorney for the District of North Dakota for the term of four years.

Parker Loren Carl, of Kentucky, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Kentucky for the term of four years.

Kerry Joseph Forestal, of Indiana, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Indiana for the term of four years.

Gerald Sidney Holt, of Virginia, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Virginia for the term of four years.

Clifton Timothy Massanelli, of Arkansas, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Arkansas for the term of four years.

Scott Jerome Parker, of North Carolina, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of North Carolina for the term of four years.

3 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today.
(Total—20) **Pages S456, S466, S467**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon and adjourned at 6:54 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, February 8, 2010. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S502–03.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Kevin Wolf, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Suresh Kumar, of New Jersey, to be Assistant Secretary and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service, and David W. Mills, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Export Enforcement, all of the Department of Commerce, Douglas A. Criscitello, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Theodore W. Tozer, of Ohio, to be President, Government National Mortgage Association, and Orlan Johnson, of Maryland, and Sharon Y. Bowen, of New York, both to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation.

FINANCIAL STABILITY

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the implications of the "Volcker Rules" for financial stability, after receiving testimony from E. Gerald Corrigan, Goldman, Sachs and Co., and John Reed, both of New York, New York; Simon Johnson, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Sloan School of Management, and Hal S. Scott, Harvard Law School, both of Cambridge, Massachusetts; and Barry Zubrow, JPMorgan Chase, Far Hills, New Jersey.

BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request and revenue proposals for fiscal year 2011, after receiving testimony from Timothy F. Geithner, Secretary of the Treasury.

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine financial services and products, focusing on the role of the Federal Trade Commission in protecting consumers, after receiving testimony from Jonathan D. Leibowitz, Chairman, Federal Trade Commission.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY BUDGET

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2011 for the Department of Energy, after receiving testimony from Steven Chu, Secretary of Energy.